



Minutes

Community Safety Committee

Date: 22 March 2024

Time: 10:30

Venue: FSHQ

Present: Cllr Zaman (in the chair), Cllrs Downes, Fazal, Garvani, Keith, Kirton, Pollard, Renshaw and Wood

In Attendance:

Apologies: Cllrs Almas and Sutcliffe

29 Minutes of the last meeting held on 26 January 2024

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 26 January 2024 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

30 Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

31 Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

32 Admission of the public

There were no items requiring the exclusion of press and public.

33 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest made in any matter under consideration at the meeting.

34 Risk Based Intervention Programme

The Director of Service Delivery presented a report requesting approval of the Risk Based Intervention Programme (RBIP) 2024/25. The report confirmed the name of the programme has been updated from Risk Based Inspection Programme and is the first to take into account the principles of new national guidance which is to be published soon, which supports Fire and Rescue Services in utilising consistent methodology for intervention.

Members challenged the report author on the follow up processes in use where WYFRA inspections reveal issues and also requested confirmation that staff training courses are mandatory, which they are where appropriate. Members discussed the progress made with owners of buildings where Grenfell style cladding is still in situ and the legislative overlap between the Local Housing Authority (LHA) and WYFRA, for houses in multiple occupation (HMO). Members also requested clarification of the working protocols agreed with Local Education Authorities.

RESOLVED

That the Risk Based Intervention Programme 2024 – 25 be approved.

35 Performance Against Response Indicators

The Director of Service Delivery presented a report detailing the performance against the performance outcome targets covering the period 1 April 2023 to 29 February 2024.

An updated report was distributed to members to cover the period to 21 March 2024.

Members challenged the report author on the inclusion of COVID data in the 3 year average statistics and asked whether partnerships with external agencies, e.g. GPs and hospitals could help to identify more vulnerable adults. Members requested confirmation of the break-in protocol, which is where WYFRS work in partnership with Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) to effect entry to a property when there may be concern for the occupant.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted

36 Safeguarding Activity Annual Report

The Director of Service Delivery presented a report detailing the safeguarding activity undertaken in 2023.

It was reported that 210 cases have generated a Cause for Concern in the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023. 131 people were identified as requiring safeguarding and referred to the local authority safeguarding team and 67 were identified as vulnerable individuals requiring additional support from WYFRS. 5 cases were the identification of soft intelligence. 7 were uncategorised.

The Internal Audit Safeguarding Risk Report was attached at appendix A to the report now submitted for Members' information.

Members challenged the report author on the monitoring of competency dash boards to ensure all mandatory training has been completed where appropriate. Members welcomed

the collaborative work done with other agencies to identify vulnerable people and anti-social fire setting behavioural patterns.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted

37 Road Traffic Collisions

Members considered a report of the Director of Service Delivery providing an update on the work done by WYFRS to reduce road risk across West Yorkshire.

Members were pleased to note that WYFRS's attendance rate to Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) is significantly lower than the national average and comparable metropolitan services and although there has been a minor upturn in RTCs this financial year WYFRS is working in partnership with other agencies to achieve the objectives outlined by Vision Zero.

Members noted the prevalence of RTCs within the Bradford District, which reflects the high levels of deprivation in the area but were also reminded to note that these levels were only high in comparison to West Yorkshires figures, whereas comparisons to other Authorities show they are still significantly lower.

Members discussed the requirement to target road safety awareness at new drivers, including the dangers of driving under the influence of Nitrous Oxide and supporting Operation Steerside, which is a West Yorkshire Police operation working across the Bradford District dedicated to taking positive action against anyone whose driving falls below the required standard. Following the committee members were provided with a copy of the RAC Foundation's recent report by Dr Elixabeth Box entitled Empowering Young Drivers with Road Safety Education.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted

38 Manchester Arena Inquiry Update

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer presented a report updating members on the progress of the WYFRS Manchester Arena Inquiry (MAI) working group.

Members were informed that whilst most recommendations arising from Volume Two MAI report are closed, good progress towards completion of the 16 remaining actions is being made and detailed analysis of these is contained in the report.

Members requested, and were given, clarification of operational discretion and the sharing of process reviews undertaken by SMG Europe Holdings Limited with other large venue providers.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted

39 Spotlight On Case Studies

Members considered a report of the Director of Service Delivery which provided examples and updates on the following areas of work which are being undertaken to meet the needs of the communities of West Yorkshire in the delivery of prevention, protection and response activity.

- a) Bradford – Water Awareness
- b) Calderdale – Project Challenge
- c) Kirklees – Ashbrow Collaboration
- d) Leeds – IGNITE
- e) Wakefield – Working with in the Community
- f) Youth Interventions Team – '@E-Tude'

It was emphasised that the Spotlight Ons are just examples of initiatives going on across all Districts all the time. Members noted the Spotlight On reports and received them positively.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted

Chair